HAILEY'S ON IT!
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INT. TOY STORE - DAY

TIGHT ON a LARGE BLOBFISH STUFFED ANIMAL (goofily voiced by HAILEY and SCOTT) that "talks" to the still POORLY-SEWN FRANKEN-BETA (from ep 202) standing on a counter.

HAILEY (AS BLOBFISH) (O.S.)
C'mon, Beta, gimme a smoochie woochie!

SCOTT (AS BLOBFISH) (O.S.)
Yeah, let me be your new body wody!

HAILEY (AS BLOBFISH) (O.S.)
I mean, who ***doesn't*** want a blobfish as a body?

Beta smacks the blobfish out of frame.

BETA
Me.

We widen to see a <GIGGLING> Hailey and Scott.

BETA (CONT'D)
For the billionth time, I want OUT of this Franken-body and INTO a new Commander Koala body like I'm accustomed to. We gotta find one. We can't give up now!

SCOTT
Sure we can, I do it all the time! Luging, Cubix Dude-ing, showering--

HAILEY
Sorry, Beta. We've checked every toy store in Oceanside. I guess we're a getting little loopy--

SCOTT (AS BLOBFISH)
And gloopy! Glub glub.

Beta smacks the blobfish away. Hailey and Scott <SNICKER>.

BETA
Laugh all you want, but I refuse to give up.
(MORE)

BETA (CONT'D)
I'll find a new Commander Koala body if it's the last thing I--!

Hailey stuffs BETA <ARGH> into her BACKPACK as a CLERK (TUNNEL OF LOVE CARNIE from 101) appears.

CLERK
I checked the back but it turns out we don't have a back. Then I went out the fire exit and locked myself out. Also, we don't have any Commander Koalas. The whole Koala Kidz collection was discontinued.

The clerk walks through an EXIT DOOR that <LOCKS SHUT>.

CLERK (O.S.) (CONT'D)
I did it again.

Beta pops out of the backpack.

BETA
Okay, new strategy--

HAILEY/SCOTT
Lunch? Nap?

HAILEY
Lunch and then a nap?

HAILEY/SCOTT
Strategyyy!

Hailey and Scott high five.

BETA
Don't do that again. Now let's look online!

His screen lights up and he scrolls through IMAGES on the ME-BAY SHOPPING WEBSITE. All the images of the dolls have "SOLD" over them.

BETA (CONT'D)
You can find everything on MeBay...
(then)
What? Why have they all been sold to some buffoon named "DillardDolls3"?

SCOTT
There's one that's still available. Let's start the bidding at one penny...

Scott taps Beta's face, and the Commander Koala doll sells for $400 in real time to "DillardDolls3."

BETA
You think my sweet yoked bod is only worth a penny! You blew our only chance!

HAILEY
Maybe it'd be easier to settle for another body, Beta.

SCOTT
I'd give you mine, but I need it to do cool things like THIS!

He throws a DART at a nearby DARTBOARD, but misses badly and hits a INFLATABLE T-REX (from ep 127). It deflates sadly.

BETA
You're more defective than I am.

HAILEY
Scott's right, Beta. Commander Koalas are discontinued. I mean, it's not like there's a store we can go to that's full of discontinued things...

SCOTT
(getting an idea)
Or isn't there not a store where...that thing you said--Let's go to the flea market!

INT. BOOTH OF OLD TREASURES - DAY

Beta peeks around while Hailey and Scott look through some old toys.

BETA
Okay, let's search every nook and cranny for--

HAILEY
Oh cool, remember "DuckIt?!"

Hailey picks up a COLORFUL PLASTIC BALL attached to a LONG CORD and whips it over her head.

HAILEY (ANNOUNCER VOICE) (CONT'D)
"You can chuck it and you can pluck it, but you always gotta--

She knocks Beta off the table <GAAAH!>.

SCOTT
Beta, you're supposed to "DuckIt!"

BETA
(grumbling)
Oh yeah? Well you can go--

SCOTT
Hey hey, careful, I'm with the FPI!

Scott shows off the back of a SLICK JACKET labeled "FPI." He then whips off SUNGLASSES to reveal SMALLER SUNGLASSES.

HAILEY
How many you got under there?

Scott whips off the smaller pair to reveal a THIRD PAIR.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Nice.

BETA
Excuse me, but we aren't looking for a misprinted FBI jacket! We're looking for a--

Hailey stuffs Beta into her backpack <ARGH> as the INTENSE CARNIE from 101 leans in.

INTENSE CARNIE
Hey! Heard you guys are looking for dolls. Well check out this super rare Canadian Girl Doll--

He presents the doll (much like an AMERICAN GIRL DOLL) except she's dressed in MANY LAYERS and a TOOK with all items below.

INTENSE CARNIE (CONT'D)
Little Genevieve here comes with her own toboggan, hockey stick, and a fresh bag of milk, eh. For a few bucks more, I'll even throw in her fur boots to "walk aboot."

He holds up a TINY FUR BOOTS. Scott is giddy.

SCOTT
<SQUEAL> She has WALK-ABOOT BOOTS?!

HAILEY
How...regional.

INTENSE CARNIE
Or what about this--

He presses a BUTTON on ANOTHER DOLL IN A PANTSUIT <KICKS> Scott in the face <OW!>.

KICKIN' KEELY
Believe in yourself!

INTENSE CARNIE
That's Kickin' Keely! She's all about high kickin' action and female empowerment.

He presses the button and she <KICKS> Scott repeatedly--

KICKIN' KEELY
Crush it! You do you! Don't tell me to smile!

SCOTT
Ow, stop! I'm a feminist!

HAILEY
Actually, sir, we're looking for a doll that looks just like-- Beta??

As she reaches for Beta, she sees an empty backpack and a SUSPICIOUS KID jamming Beta (in toy mode) into his BAG. The kid takes off on his ELECTRIC SCOOTER.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Hey, he's got Beta! Wait!!

EXT. BOOTH OF OLD TREASURES - DAY

Scott and Hailey run out to see the kid taking off into the distance, we ANGLE ON the e-bike's LICENSE PLATE "DILLARD".

HAILEY
"Dillard." That must be the same guy that's been buying the Commander Koalas online!

The kid makes an abrupt RIGHT TURN SIGNAL with his arm and speeds away. Hailey uses the "LOCATE MY PHONE" app on her PHONE, and we see Beta as a DOT, moving on screen. There is also a dot for Kai at home and Patricia at O'Malley's Pub.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
We gotta track Beta and get him back, fast!

Hailey and Scott head off on their bikes. The Kicking Keely doll <KICKS> the Intense Carnie in the face.

KICKIN' KEELY
Dream big!

INTENSE CARNIE
Ow! Okay!

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - SECRET ROOM - DAY

Beta unzips Dillard's bag from the inside and pops out. He looks around and his eyes go wide <DEEP INHALE>-- there are ROWS OF SHELVES, some behind glass, full of Koala Kidz merchandise (Doctor Koala, Cowboy Koala, etc). There is a PILE of plush Koalas, too. Even the TABLE and CHAIR are branded with the Koala Kidz brand.

BETA
This is...INCREDIBLE! Finally someone appreciates how cool I am, amirite?

He elbows ANOTHER KOALA but it just tips over.

BETA (CONT'D)
Sorry, Construction Koala.

Just then, the door <CREAKS> open. Beta switches into toy mode. DILLARD (16, unsmiling, super intense like Wednesday Addams), walks in and addresses the room.

DILLARD
Koala friends: a new, special friend has joined us...

He picks up Beta and taps on his SCREEN.

DILLARD (CONT'D)
That's a great point, Wall Street Koala, he ***does*** have a screen. Must have been an ureleased prototype.

From under his arm, Dillard unrolls a leather bag full of SCARY LOOKING TOOLS.

DILLARD (CONT'D)
Our special friend deserves special treatment, don't you think?
(unsmiling, subdued)
I can barely contain my excitement.

Dillard picks up Beta and LARGE, GLEAMING SCISSORS. <MUSIC STING> as Dillard hoists the scissors and leans in.

EXT. STREET - DILLARD'S HOUSE - DAY

Hailey and Scott approach a house, with phone in hand. Out front, is Dillard's scooter with the vanity plate.

HAILEY
A-ha! There's the scooter! Now all we need is a plan.

SCOTT
I've got an idea!

HAILEY
It better be a good one, Scott. Who knows what horrors are happening behind that door!

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - SECRET ROOM - DAY

TIGHT ON a Dillard sitting at a TABLE, pouring a TEAPOT.

DILLARD
More tea, dearest friend?

REVEAL Beta SEWN BACK PERFECTLY as in S1, but snapped into an upright DOLL HOLDER, dressed as a TRAIN CONDUCTOR.

DILLARD (CONT'D)
I welcome all my Koalas with a tea party. After all, they're my best friends! And now that you're cleaned up, I'll sew that outfit on you...permanently. Choo choo choo for you you you!

<DING DONG>. Dillard hears the doorbell. He quickly locks Beta behind glass with the other Koalas and leaves.

BETA
"Choo choo choo," my BUTT! I gotta get outta here!

EXT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - DAY

HAILEY
Scott, about this plan--

SCOTT
It'll work! Just stick with the script--

Dillard abruptly opens the door.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
FPI! FEDERAL PANCAKE INVESTIGATORS!

Scott pulls off his glasses to reveal a SMALLER of glasses. He then points to his jacket. Hailey <DEEPLY SIGHS>.

HAILEY
We're on the lookout for a dangerous, illegal pancake mix being pushed on the black market.

DILLARD
Illegal pancake mix? That sounds suspicious.

SCOTT
I'll tell you what sounds suspicious-- you not letting us in!
(to Hailey)
Maybe we should just drag this guy downtown--

HAILEY
Nooo, Officer Scott. Even though our downtown office is very real, we want to go in ***here***. To investigate.

SCOTT
My rookie partner is right! Now make way. Unless you got something to hide...

Dillard steps aside as Scott enters with Hailey close behind.

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - SECRET ROOM - SAME TIME

Beta <STRUGGLES> to break out of his plastic doll holder but it's no use. He looks at ANOTHER KOALA.

BETA
Okay, if we all push at once, I think we can get...

He then rocks back and forth, but his doll holder just tips forward and SMOOSHES against the glass.

BETA (CONT'D)
(smushed)
Outta here.

PULL WIDE to reveal the other dolls are of course stationary.

BETA (CONT'D)
You guys are no help.

He rocks back, upright.

BETA (CONT'D)
I need Help! Hailey! And even...
Scott! Boy, I am desperate.
HELLLP!

We WIDEN outside the glass and see Beta screaming but hear nothing. Soundproof glass.

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Dillard flips pancakes as Scott inspects his work.

SCOTT
Hmm. Adequate technique, but the bulk viscosity suggests an internal friction that resists shearless compression.

DILLARD
...What?

SCOTT
It's gooey. No more questions, perp!

HAILEY
So, is this the only room with pancake mix?

DILLARD
Yes. It's the kitchen.

SCOTT
You don't have a secret stash? Because I do -- in my closet on the second shelf. That's right, I'm a dirty pancake cop. It's tough to make ends meet when there are mouths to feed, so I'm on the take--

HAILEY
Okay, that's enough backstory, Officer Scott. You know what? I'm just gonna look around--

SCOTT
No chance, Rookie! I need you right here at all times!

Hailey shoots Scott a look.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
I mean yeah, case the place, Rook.
(then, to Dillard)
Eyes on the flapjack, pal!

Scott whips off ANOTHER PAIR of glasses. They are very small now. Dillard goes back to work as Hailey scoots away.

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

Hailey comes upon a LOCKED DOOR with a SECURITY PANEL.

HAILEY
A-ha! But how will I figure out the-

Just then Hailey sees a STICKY NOTE right above the panel with "PASSWORD: PASSWORD."

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Oh. Thanks, Dillard...

She types in "PASSWORD" and the door <AIR LOCKS> open.

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - SECRET ROOM - DAY

Hailey enters and sees the row of shelves.

HAILEY
Whoa, obsess much? Beta, where are you? <GASPS> Beta!

She spots a frantic, waving Beta behind the glass. She runs to him. Beta's mouth is moving but no sound is coming out.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
I'm so sorry I wasn't paying attention to you earlier, I never meant for this to happen, and--

Beta seethes and his screen fills with: !@#$!

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Oh, right, I should probably get you out now. Hold on!

Hailey grabs THREE PLUSH KOALAS, each increasing in size, and rapid fires them at the glass. But they just bounce off with sweet <I WUV YOUs> each time.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Ugh, why is everything in here so plush!?

She reaches on a shelf and picks up SOMETHING HEAVY.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
A Commander Koala paperweight? What kind of kid would want a paperweight?

Beta is silently screaming, losing his mind.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Sorry, back on track...

She chucks the paperweight through the glass and we can finally hear the screaming Beta.

BETA
(mid-screaming)
--UNTIL EVERYONE FEELS BETA'S FURY!

HAILEY/BETA
Beta! / Hailey!

Hailey hugs Beta. Beta looks at the paperweight.

BETA
...What kind of kid would want a paperweight?

HAILEY
That's what I was saying!

But then an <ALARM> goes off!

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Uh oh. We better hide!

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Scott eats pancakes with Dillard when the <ALARM> sounds. Dillard jumps up and runs toward the secret room.

DILLARD
<GASP> Oh no! My friends!

He runs toward the secret room.

SCOTT
(mouth full)
Hey, come back here, Dillard! The inspection is not complete!

He grabs one more bite <MMM> before chasing after him.

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

Dillard types the code and enters. Scott runs up just as the door locks in front of him.

SCOTT
Ah! How will I figure out...
<CHUCKLES> Oh, I see...

He sees the "PASSWORD: PASSWORD" post-it, then types passwords but each time gets a rejected <BUZZ>.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
The password is my password. That'd be BUTTER. <BUZZ> What about SCOTT. <BUZZ> PARKOUR? <BUZZ>

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - SECRET ROOM - DAY

Dillard sees that the glass is broken and Beta is gone.

DILLARD
Where are you, special friend? Did that mean FPI agent take you?
(to another koala)
You see anything, Spy Koala?

He looks down an aisle. As his back his turned, a GIANT COMMANDER KOALA stuffed animal (dressed like a military commander with Beta tucked in its front pocket) very slowly stands and inches towards the door. But when Dillard turns its way, the giant stuffed animal flops to the floor, unseen.

DILLARD (CONT'D)
Come out, come out, wherever you are...

When Dillard turns his back again, the giant Koala gets up, but steps on ANOTHER KOALA, which makes the <I WUV YOU> sound. Dillard whips around, but nothing is moving.

DILLARD (CONT'D)
It's only a matter of time 'til I find you, my friend...

He looks away a third time, but this time the giant koala tries to lumber forward, but <BONKS> into a wall, steps back onto a Commander Koala skateboard <WHOA> and careens backwards <AHH>, <SMASHING> into a shelf.

Scrambling to get up, the giant koala tries to freeze into position, but it's too late -- Dillard has seen it all.

DILLARD (CONT'D)
I knew it! You're... alive! Just like in your TV show! I've seen every episode hundreds of times, my parents would leave it on when they went away on business trips.

He clicks on an OLD SCHOOL TV with a LOOPED TV SHOW, featuring life-sized Koala Kidz singing the theme.

TV COMMERCIAL/DILLARD
Let's be the best of friends / We're very much alive / Koala Kidz forever/ Our friendship, it will thrive!

DILLARD
Now you, Commander!

Hailey tries to <SING ALONG> but she struggles.

HAILEY
...be friends / We're...alive ok why not / Koala Kidz forever/ Something something thrive!

Dillard pauses the TV.

DILLARD
I can't believe this is finally happening. Aye aye, Commander!

He salutes. Hailey awkwardly salutes back.

HAILEY
Yes...I <u>am</u> Commander Koala! And the first order of business is to...tell you your orders!
(MORE)

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Uh, stop stealing stuff! And also: share your Koalas. Lots of kids would like special friends, too.

DILLARD
Aye aye, Commander!

He salutes. Hailey quickly salutes and starts to leave.

DILLARD (CONT'D)
Wait, you're leaving?

HAILEY
Yes, I must go back to my home, but...do as I say, because Commander Koala is always watching.

DILLARD
Always watching, sir?

Dillard looks suspicious until Beta pops out of Hailey's pocket and turns on his screen.

BETA
Yes. We are ***all*** watching!

Dillard's mouth drops open as he looks around at all his dolls, paranoid they're watching and will also come to life. A shocked Dillard salutes and holds the pose as Hailey and Beta hightail it out of there. Beta salutes and swipes a BOX as they exit.

INT. DILLARD'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Hailey and Beta open the door. Scott's still there.

SCOTT
Thank goodness, this password thing is impossible.

Hailey yanks Scott out of frame.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
(calling behind)
Oh and Dillard, you passed inspection. Paperwork will arrive in three to six weeks...

INT. HAILEY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Hailey, Scott, and Beta (now back to season 1 form) sit on Hailey's bed.

BETA
Woof. I almost had to choo choo my caboose forever.

SCOTT
Sorry we kept joking around with you, Beta.

HAILEY
Yeah. I apologized for everything earlier but you couldn't hear me. I'm not gonna say it all again, but trust me, it was heartfelt.

BETA
Apology...accepted? And hey, at least Dillard was good for something.

SCOTT
Yep. Making pancakes.
(off their looks)
Just kidding. I've had better.

BETA
No, you buffoon! He stitched my body back to shape. And I swiped this cool expansion pack, too.

He demos one of the accessories -- a SPACE KOALA with SPRING SHOES. He presses his own tummy.

BETA (CONT'D)
"Weady for bwastoff in fwee...two...one..."

He jumps with the spring shoes but <BOINGS> off the wall and falls into Scott's arms.

SCOTT
That's right, buddy! Bring it in for a hug!

BETA
Ugh, no! Take me back! Take me baaack--

But Hailey and Scott only hug him harder, as we...

FADE OUT.